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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Terry et al.
Application No.: 09/240,893
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Confirmation No.: 7923
For: **INTERACTIVE BILLING SYSTEM UTILIZING A THIN WEB CLIENT
INTERFACE**

Art Unit: 2643
Examiner: D. M. Nguyen

EXAMINER INTERVIEW
Scheduled for May 4, 2004, 1:00pm

PROPOSED NEW CLAIM FOR DISCUSSION
W/EXAMINER

Claim 66 (new): In a system utilizing a thin web client interface having a web page provided by a server, an interactive method of providing select billing records associated with a telecommunications account of the user, the method comprising:

requesting first input data via the graphical interface from the user, said first input data defining a query containing one or more parameters corresponding billing records, said billing records associated with the user's telecommunications account being stored in a database, wherein said stored billing records include new billing records for which an invoice has not yet been issued to the user, and wherein said new billing records include individual transaction charges incurred within a billing period from a plurality of entities;

requesting second input data via the graphical interface from the user, said second data defining how the select billing records are provided to the user;

receiving the defined query over a data network, the query seeking which of the billing records associated with the user's telecommunications account satisfy the one or more parameters of the query;

searching the database for individual billing records associated with the user's telecommunications account which satisfy the one or more parameters of the query received from the user; and

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selectively providing results of the searching to the user as a function of the second input data received from the user via graphical interface, wherein selectively providing results includes providing search results via e-mail, fax, mail, or the graphical interface via the data network, and wherein the provided search results include individual transaction charges associated with the user's telecommunications account which satisfy the one or more parameters of the query received from the user.

REMARKS

Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's remarks in the Office action mailed 2/6/04, and have added new claim 66 directed to the thin web client interface as disclosed in the present application. In particular, the present application describes and illustrates a specific web form that allows a user to interact with stored billing records data for which an invoice has not yet been issued to the user, and wherein said new billing records include individual transaction charges from a plurality of entities.

Respectfully submitted,

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